

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

MEMBERS: Cllr A Kasia, Cllr S Wood, Cllr B Armer, Cllr M Smith, Cllr M Simmons, Helen Clay (Co-optee) Kim Smith (Co-optee).

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THEME/ISSUE	APPROACH AND AREAS OF FOCUS	OUTCOMES
• Changes to the ICB	• Shadow year, how this is going. • What the changes mean for Mid Yorkshire Teaching Trust, Calderdale & Huddersfield Trust, South West Yorkshire Trust and Kirklees Council. • Neighbourhood health framework, how goals 1-5 and the NHS reform agendas will be achieved for Kirklees. • How are Integrated Neighbour Teams going to be set up. • Details on Governance, Financial risk, alignment with neighbourhood health, performance ambitions and treatment of core adult social services within Kirklees. • To provide risk assessment with mitigations of changes for Kirklees, including a list of risks and issues (ICB & Kirklees council). • New timeline of implementation and reviews, including who will be accountable/responsible for sign off and who has been consulted. • To provide a schedule of agreed service level agreement. • To provide a geographical map of C, K, W primary care networks along with what service requirements will be in the new geography and provide a resource plan to match the map. • What services are currently in scope.	Panel meeting 22nd July 2026 Children's Scrutiny Panel in attendance
• Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME)	• Details on actions taken regarding the recommendations in the 2021 NICE guidelines for ME and July 2025 Dept of Health Care Plan for ME.	Panel meeting 22nd July 2026

	• Details on any commissioned speciality ME services within Kirklees that meet NICE requirements. • Waiting times for assessments, diagnosis, and specialist support within Kirklees. • Number of residents within Kirklees who have a diagnosis of ME and Long Covid or who are currently waiting for assessments. • Details on engagement sessions with the Kirklees & Calderdale ME Campaign group. • Training provided on ME and proportion of staff who have completed. • How people with severe and very severe ME identified and supported within Kirklees.	
• Health System Financial Overview	To consider the Health System Financial Overview with an overview of the financial position of the local health and social care system to include • The work that is being carried out to meet current years budgets. • And identify risks. • Recruitment and retention. • Costings for private care home providers. • Details of contracts for private care home providers. • Mid Yorkshire Training Trust Financial Improvement Plan.	Panel meeting 2nd September 2026

• CQC	• How well is the new model working. • Challenges. • Good news stories. • Number of inspections in Kirklees Council. • Outcomes of inspections. • KPI's used to assess trusts in-between inspections. • Thresholds that trigger inspections. • How services are inspected. • How regulated.	Panel Meeting 2nd September 2026
• Seasonal Pressures and Hospital Discharge (excluding SWYFT)	• Joined up care between organisations. • Avoiding corridor care. • Seasonal pressure plan for the next 12 months. • Risks across trusts, along with a mitigation plan for the next 12 months. • Discharges in a timely manner along with system flow. • What has been learnt from previous years and what is different. • The number of patients medically fit for discharge but remaining in hospital. • The average length of discharge delays. • The main reasons for delays, including care packages, equipment, housing or assessments. • Readmission rates where available. • What improvements are being made across the system to reduce delays and improve patient outcomes	Panel Meeting 14th October 2026
• Mid Yorkshire Clinical Safety Review	• Services affected by the clinical safety review. • Reconfigured services in and out of Dewsbury. • Implementation of the new electronic patient record system. • Supporting the Place Based Partnerships. • Maximising the new surgical hub on the Dewsbury District Hospital.	Panel Meeting 14th October 2026
• Kirklees Council CQC Inspection	• Follow up of actions from the initial CQC Inspection. • Changes to improve services.	Panel meeting 13th January 2027

	Preparing for Phase 2 of the inspection.	
Principal Social Worker/Principal Occupational Therapist Annual Report	Principal Social worker and Principal Occupational Therapist Annual Report.	Panel meeting 13th January 2027
Digital Exclusion and Access to Primary Care	- Current levels of digital and non-digital access across GP practices. - What alternatives are available for residents who cannot or do not wish to use digital services. - Data on telephone waiting times, abandoned calls and appointment access where available. - What measures are in place to support older people, disabled people and those whose first language is not English. - Examples of good practice across Kirklees and areas requiring improvement.	Panel meeting 13th February 2027
Martha's Law	- Steps taken to ensure compliance. - Number of cases requiring formal action and their outcomes. - How the law is communicated across the local authority. - Improvements made.	Panel meeting 17th February 2027
Patients experience at Hospitals	- Main issues patients raising. - Experiences from vulnerable people.	Panel meeting 17th February 2027
Mental Health Referral Thresholds	- The number of referrals declined by CAMHS and adult mental health services. - The most common reasons for declined referrals. - What support is offered to people who do not meet service thresholds. - Waiting times between referral, assessment and alternative support. - Any evidence that people are repeatedly moving between services without receiving appropriate care. - What work is underway to reduce people falling through the gaps.	Panel meeting 10th March 2027 Children's Scrutiny Panel in attendance

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• Unpaid carers	• Overview from Carers Strategy Group. • Breakdown on types of carers. • Challenges for cares. • Support available for carers (including employees of LA). • Contract details with different groups. • Impacts, delivery and costs of carers. • Health Inequalities for carers.	Panel meeting 10th March 2027
• Safeguarding Adults Board	• Safeguarding within Kirklees as an organisation. • Safeguarding Adults Board Annual report. • Impacts/support for workforce.	Panel meeting 21st April 2027
• Substance Misuse Services	• Commissioning arrangements and funding. • Performance against contract outcomes. • Number of people accessing services. • Waiting times from referral to treatment. • Successful completion and relapse rates. • Support for people with co-existing mental health needs.	Panel meeting 21st April 2027

	• Partnership working with GP, health, social care, housing and the police. • Future challenges and opportunities for improving services.	
• Visit to Diagnostic Centre	• To enable Panel members to gain a first-hand understanding of the patient journey, service delivery model, diagnostic capacity, and the centre's contribution to reducing waiting times and improving health outcomes for residents.	November 2026
• Quality of Residential and Domiciliary Care	• Updated information from the last H&ASC panel meeting. • Timely inspections from CQC. • Operation of the contracts team to ensure quality is maintained. • Complaints followed up and what action taken. • Are there themes of complaints. • How is quality measured. • View of social workers.	Request Report
• Prevention of Suicide	• What is the work done at each stage of prevention. • Bereavement support after suicide. • Progress made on suicide. • What work is undertaken to prevent suicide (working with groups). • Andy's man club & other organisations to provide an update. • Statistics for Kirklees Council. • Armed forces veterans, number in Kirklees and suicide rate of these.	Request Report
• Dentistry	• Current access to NHS dentistry in Kirklees, including the number and percentage of adults seen in the last 24 months and children seen in the last 12 months, together with trends over recent years. • Any available data on waiting times for routine NHS dentistry, urgent appointments, Community Dental Services and orthodontic services. If waiting time data is not collected centrally, an explanation of how access is monitored.	Report requested 29th June 2026

	• An update on orthodontic provision, including the number of providers in Kirklees, current waiting times, and progress since the previous report. • An overview of NHS dental capacity, including the number of practices, workforce position and whether practices are currently accepting new NHS patients. • An update on oral health inequalities across Kirklees and any targeted work taking place in areas of greatest need. • Progress made since the previous report, including what has improved, what challenges remain and the key priorities going forward. • Any information on alternative approaches to delivering orthodontic services, where clinically appropriate, that could help improve access. • Any significant risks affecting NHS dental provision over the next 12 to 24 months, including workforce, funding and commissioning. • How any of all registered dental practices in Kirklees re currently accepting new NHS patients and if there are any, who or where are they? • What are the average waiting times to be accepted as a newly registered NHS patient? • What are the average waiting times for an already registered patient to receive treatment? • Reasons why waiting times for minors are not published for Orthodonture (like A & E waiting times?) • Reasons why the position of minors is not available to parents for Orthodonture.	
• Healthwatch Reforms	• The expected impact on Kirklees. • How independent patient voice will be maintained. • Any risks to scrutiny if Healthwatch functions transfer elsewhere.	Request Report

	• How the Council intends to continue receiving independent resident feedback.	
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Golden Threads: Workforce recruitment and retention.
Performance data to be included where appropriate to inform the individual strands of work.
Reducing Inequalities.
Digital, the impact for people.